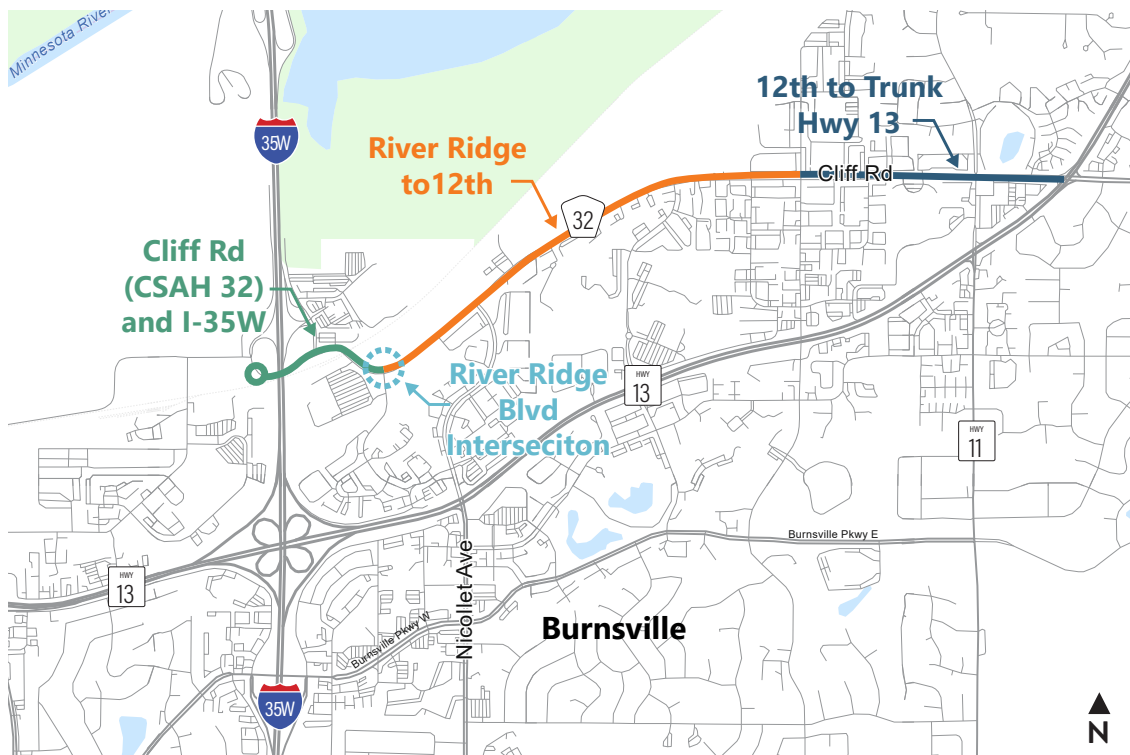


Cliff Road Improvements Study Analysis + Preliminary Design Findings



About this Project

Updates to Cliff Road are being developed to improve safety and mobility for people who use the road. The area being evaluated includes Cliff Road from under I 35-W west to Trunk Highway 13. Below are descriptions of the important considerations and findings of the project team for the different project focus areas along Cliff Road.

Design

Traffic

Multimodal

CLIFF + I35

3 lane section with 13 foot trail.

Currently heavy industrial, could be mixed-use in future.

Planned 13 foot trail on the north side of the road.

RIVERRIDGE BLVD INTERSECTION

Two options: roundabout or 3-way intersection.

Roundabout would provide level of service A, improve safety.

Both options would include construction of a 10 foot trail on the north side of the road

RIVERRIDGE TO 12th

Three options, all including 10 foot trail on south side of road.

All three options are projected to provide an acceptable level of service in line with County guidance.

Planned 10 foot trail on the south side of the road, with a crossing at Cliff Fen Park.

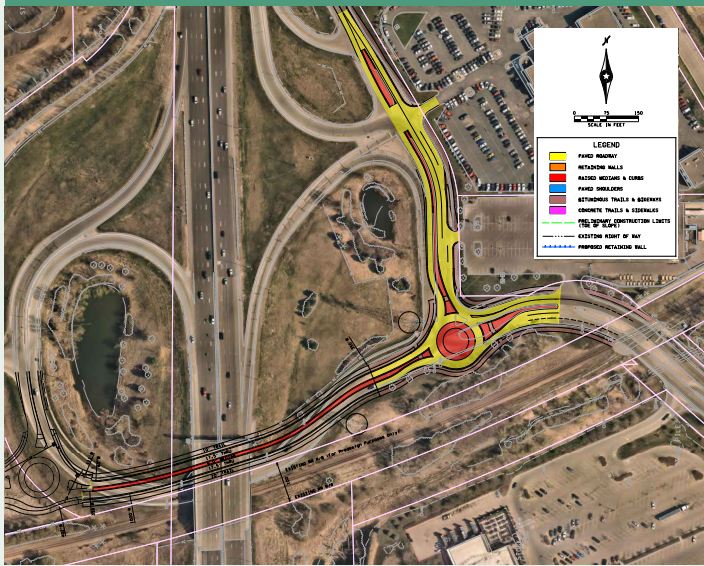
12th to Trunk Hwy 13

Maintain existing road design and connect 10 foot trails.

The road is projected to provide an acceptable level of service in line with County guidance.

ADA compliant improvements and updated pedestrian crossing to connect trail.

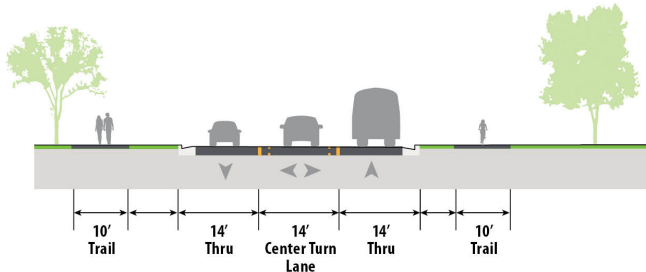
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Next Steps

The team recommends a roundabout at Cliff Road and the East I-35W Frontage Road. This proposed roundabout is anticipated to be the first priority for implementation proceeding east on Cliff Road from I-35W.

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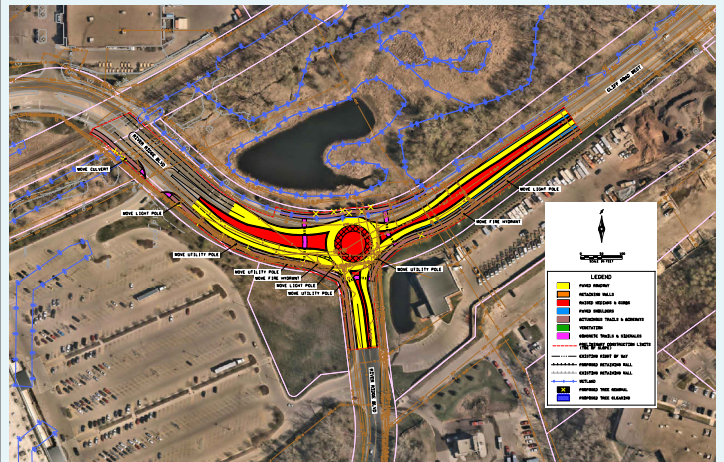
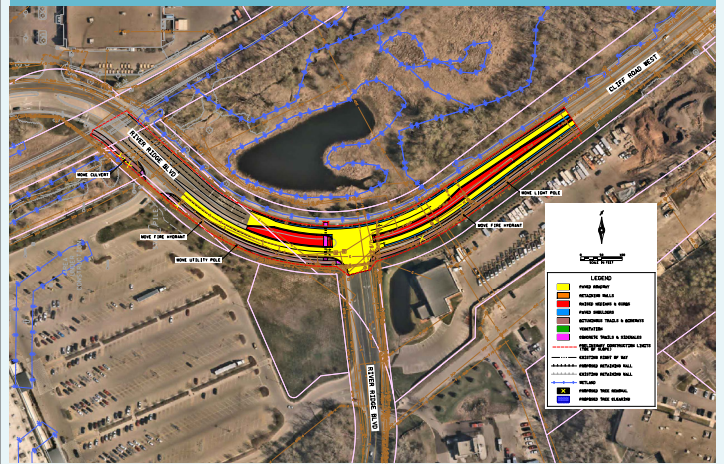
Recommended Alternative

The evaluation of the alternatives for Cliff Road determined the alternatives that reduce Cliff Road to a 3-lane road section, alternatives 2 and 3, should move forward for further evaluation. Each of those alternatives improves vehicle and pedestrian safety all while utilizing existing right of way and infrastructure.

Next Steps

Dakota County will review scheduled pavement rehab plans for Cliff Road and determine if the road diet could coincide. In addition, discussions on speed limit reduction with the road diet should take place. This decision will assist in the treatment types for pedestrian crossing improvements.

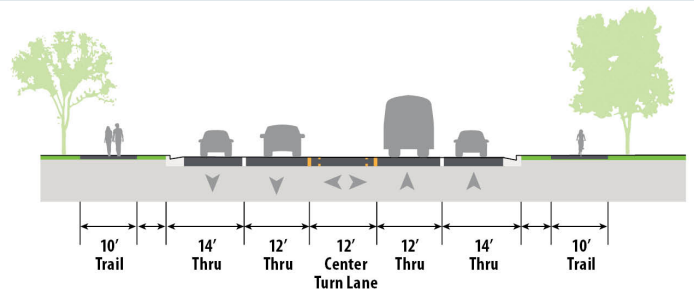
RIVER RIDGE BLVD INTERSECTION



Next Steps

The evaluation of the alternatives for the Cliff Road and River Ridge Blvd intersection determined both alternatives could be viable alternatives to improve this intersection. An Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) should be conducted to identify the most appropriate intersection control type.

12th Ave S to Hwy 13



Implementation of a north side trail requires new right of way and impacts existing private and public utilities. However, a trail would bring Cliff Road one step closer to addressing the Regional Bicycle Network needs.

Next Steps

Further discussions on the needs and impacts of implementing a trail along the north side of Cliff Road will be done.